

INSURANCES

COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

Capital—ONE MILLION STERLING.

THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs. HOLLIDAY, JACKSON & Co., as Agents for this Company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Foochow, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current Rates, and of which all useful information may be obtained.

By Order of the Board
JAMES B. NORTHCOTT,
Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, Tls. 2,000,00
in 400 Shares, of Tls. 5,000 each
Paid-up Capital, Tls. 200,000

Directors.

W. B. JOHNSON, Esq., (Messrs. Johnson & Co.),
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Co.),
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DAVID REID, Esq.

Agencies are about to be established at the several ports of China and Japan.

Applications for Shares will be received by the undersigned.

L. JOSEPHS,
Secretary, at the Commercial Bank
Shanghai, 22nd December, 1863.

The undersigned having been appointed Agent to the above Company, are prepared to applications for Shares.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
of Hongkong, 20th December, 1863.

THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The undersigned having been appointed Agents for the Marine Branch of the above Company,

are prepared to issue Policies, at current rates of Premium.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
of Hongkong 6th August, 1863

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in LONDON, NEW YORK, BOMBAY CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, FOCHOW and SHANGHAI.

In addition to the usual brokerage, this Assoca-

cination returns to the assured of each year at the
 close of each current year, fifteen (15%) per
 cent of the profits of the Company for that year
 divided pro rata to the amount of premiums paid
 by each policy holder.

RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, 10th November, 1882.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended li-
 mits from the ROYAL INSURANCE COM-
 PANY are now authorized to issue Policies against Fire
 as follows, viz:—
 On any First-class Building or on
 Goods Stored therein in HONGKONG, \$80,000

in Macao.....\$15,000.
WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company
of Liverpool.
 (4 Hongkong, 30th May, 1863.)
HAMBURG, BREMEN, FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
 The Undersigned are authorized to accept
 insurances against Fire at Hongkong and at
 any of the open ports in China to the amount of
 Mexican \$30,000 on one Risk.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1861.
AUSTRALASIAN FIRE, LIFE &

MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIABILITY LIMITED.)
Marine Department.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, for this Company, are now prepared to issue Policies on Marine Risks only, on the usual terms:

Losses can be made payable in London, Calcutta, and Melbourne.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
of Hongkong, 17th July. 1863.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Capital, One Million.

THE undersigned Agents at Hongkong and Foochow, for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at current rates, payable in London, Liverpool, Hongkong, Shanghai, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Singapore, and Melbourne.

Messrs. FUSSELL & Co. of Foochow, are duly authorised to issue Policies on our behalf at the Port.

LYALL STILL & Co.
at Hongkong, 24th December, 1863.

**LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM
TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.**

137 LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
JAMES HARTLEY & Co., *Managers.*
ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risk
on behalf of this Office, by First Class
Steamers.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Agent.
at Hongkong, 17th March, 1883.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

The undersigned are prepared to grant Policies
in this Office on the usual terms and conditions
to the extent of £10,000 on any one building
and £20,000 on any one ship.

with its contents, or to the extent of the value of the contents of any of the three or more separate buildings in the same of capacity, and also to the extent of £5,000 on ship in Harbour, or the contents of the same.

SMITH KENNEDY & Co.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1862.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Office, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS and issue Policies on any First-class Sailing Vessels or Steamers on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in China, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, or London.

WALKER, ROBERT DAILE & Co.
27th October, 1862.

EAST INDIAN UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION OF BOMBAY.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Society, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies on the usual terms, payable in London, Liverpool, Bombay, Kurrachee, Calcutta, Shanghai, or Hongkong.
ALBAM SCOTT & Co.
117 Hongkong, 28th December, 1863.

INTIMATIONS.

A CARD.

THE undersigned begs to inform the Community of Hongkong, and English, French & German gentlemen visiting this Colony, that he has recently fitted up the "Argus" in *Ped Street* formerly known as the "Circle Union" as a first class Hotel, and trusts that by strict attention to the comfort of his Boarders, he will ensure a portion of the Public Patronage.

Pastry in all its branches, made to order, & Ice Cream at 20 minutes notice.

G. GREEN
Proprietor

tf. Hongkong, 7th August, 1863.

HONGKONG BAKERY.
DORABEEE NOWROJEE begs to inform
 Public, that he has established a *Bakery*
Fancy Pastry, and Confectionery business on
 premises, *Queen's Road, adjoining the offices of*
P. & O. S. N. Company, and hopes from his *long*
experience and careful attention to merit the *patronage*
and support of the Public.
 Hongkong, 4th August, 1860.

RUSTOMJEE RUTTONJEE.
 SODA-WATER MANUFACTORY,
 No. 20, Peel Street;

HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1964.

From our own Correspondent.

PARIS, 27th February, 1864.

Sir—If you were told that universal peace, the dream of the abbot of St. Peter's, was a reality, believe it; if it is announced to you that a general war is about to break out in Europe, believe it. After what I have just seen I declare that the latter is possible and my word home would be *Nihil Mirari*.

Let us, by way of not forgetting the State of Europe on the 17th current: the Danes, after having abandoned the Schleswig, retired behind the fortifications of Duppel and the islands of Als. Christian issued a proclamation in which he said that Denmark could not treat with Germany whilst this latter, German ports and the embargo put on the tonnage vessels, was notified to the Prussian Government, whilst Austrian and Prussian men-of-war quitted the Mediterranean and Adriatic, for the Baltic, to protect their maritime commerce against the Danish cruisers. The internal state of Germany, was scarcely more reassuring. Prussia desired to take the lead and Austria mistrusted Prussia, and the secondary states began violently to press against the (Austrian) policy. Württemberg in arms, Saxony in arms, Bavaria in arms, and this time, we may well say, for the King of Prussia.

However, one fine morning, we learn that the Austro-Prussians have crossed the frontier of Jutland, and that in a day's march, they will be in the heart of the Danish monarchy; there were no means of getting out and England under the penalty of being laughed at, must cast to the help of the King of Denmark and Lord Derby nevertheless, the Palmerston cabinet with the question.

Lord Palmerston did not answer as he was ill of the cough: things were at such a pass as possible, but people should know that the English Government was not known that England supported by France and Italy, had proposed to Germany that a meeting of all the powers which signed the Treaty of Vienna should meet in London and settle the Danes-German question once for all. The Austro-Prussians, who a week before, had haughtily declined a similar proposal, better of the matter, are willing to treat on the single condition that the exchange of notes shall not put an end to the exchange of shots in Denmark. France so little disposed to take part in a conference restricted to the question of the Duchies, has also made concessions and has acquiesced that Sweden will not come to its assistance, which has decided Denmark not to persist in its first project, which was to conquer or die. In short, all parties, are about to become friends if we may judge by appearances.

For my part, after looking at things from every point of view, I do not see that the prospect is so very favourable. Denmark wishes to keep Schleswig and Holstein; the secondary German states are bent on dismembering the Danish Monarchy; Austria wants to enter the Danish ports, Austria can conquer in the north; England is averse to Prussia becoming a maritime power; France too, is not without a pet project of her own. Now can we hope that all these different pretensions will be reconciled? The most that can be expected, is a provisional arrangement, a piece of patch-work, which will fall to pieces when the times comes, that is to spring. I leave this tangled skein to be unravelled by more far-sighted persons than myself, and turn to the incidents of the internal policy of the different European States.

In England, besides the parliamentary debates, which are very sharp and interesting, there is much talk of the probable resignation of the Queen, whose health, notwithstanding the constitutional fiction, "She reigns and does not govern," is too much compromised to allow her to retain the crown. It is not a want of respect towards the monarchic Majesty to repeat what hundreds say that the death of Prince Albert has so unhinged her mind, that by an aberration common to many women, she confounds religious exercises with the various revolutions of probability and imagines that her royal consort appears to her every night, and tells her what line of conduct she ought to follow. It is not astonishing that the English people, seeing the throne occupied by a woman, and that a first minister a man like Lord Palmerston at the extreme limits of age, should look with a favorable eye on the Prince of Wales and desire that he should occupy by anticipation the place which must some day be his. It is certain that in the German-Dano question, Earl Russell and Lord Palmerston have been greatly embarrassed by the Queen's repugnance to take part against Germany, and the tergiversations of the British Cabinet must be in part attributed to the desire of Ministers not to displease the Queen. This is the tory opposition, well aware of the weak place in the edifice of the cabinet, has dealt a furious thrust; and on a motion moved by Roebuck, and which implied want of confidence, there was a momentary expectation that the Tories would get into office. Mr. Gladstone's address, and Mr. Disraeli's counter-address prevented the catastrophe.

THE OVERLAND TELEGRAPH TO INDIA. CONSTANTINOPLE (via Trieste), Feb. 18. A convention between the English and Turkish Governments, relative to the route of the new Italian telegraph line which is to pass through the Ottoman dominions, was signed on the 17th inst. The *Standard* reports the arrival of the quantity of arms from England and Vienna. It states that they have been distributed by the Sultan to the Imperial Guard and other troops and that the Sultan is now engaged in keeping the defences of Turkey in good order.

THE CHANNEL FLEET. LONDON, Feb. 28. 6.35 p.m. The Channel fleet, having received sailing orders, leaves on Saturday next for Portland. The wind is now westerly, blowing a fresh gale.

The affair of the explosive bombs and the Italian conspirators has been all this afternoon under scrutiny by the law officers of the Crown in a crowded court, from which nothing is suffered to reach out-door curiosity beyond the text of the indictment. It is not, however, a case in which death penalty is sought to be enforced, as the terms of the article referred to from the Criminal Code bearing on the punishment incurred, mark bankruptcy to anyone as the utmost limit the sentence. Shakespeare, in his conception of characters most fitted for treason, strategy, and spolia, would scarcely have been satisfied with the sentence of the two leading criminals in this business, for Greco is not only an accomplished performer on sundry instruments, but a skilful connoisseur of air for the piano, one of which, "Il Voto," is alluded to in the official document. As to Trabucco, the music in his soul made him in early life enlist as band-leader in a burlesque regiment under King Bomba, since which, as a horn blower he has served on board French war ships, figured in no less than a hundred engagements. He is a mere lad, only 20, though one of the most handsome men who marched from Paris, an ensouled by the death of Garibaldi at Aspromonte, rather excited sympathy by the semblance of an ingenious enthusiast. It will be remarked that the alleged directions laid down by Mazzini for the guidance of Greco included a visit to Prince Murat, and efforts to get an engagement in his household, for the intelligence of which scheme it is proper to add that Greco's father was a fisherman on that part of the coast, the small harbor of Piana, where King Joachim Murat landed after the fall of the first empire, and found the paternal boat serviceable on that occasion, *colla vela sua barca, &c.* It is this well-known fact which was the basis of that desperate venture. The first enthusiasm of the work of their former sovereign, and were rewarded by the Bourbons from freedom from all taxation and privilege abolished by the first acts of Garibaldi.

Egypt and the Supply of Cotton. On Tuesday, a reputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce waited upon Mr. Layard, N.P. Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, for the purpose of presenting a memorial, complaining that in Egypt, according to the reports of the British Consul, the cotton trade had been seriously interrupted by the Egyptian Government, who had been interfering with the export of cotton, in consequence of the highness of the water having begun to rise, and not only the railway, but also the means of transport, by the water to the interior, taking for force Nileboats, lighters, and other craft, and that the merchants from the shacks of lighters, labourers, donkeymen, camels, &c., and have been frequently stopped from carrying on their business. A reply has since been received from the Foreign Office, stating that instructions will be sent by the mail of 26th inst. to Her Majesty's Agent and Consul General in Egypt to press the subject upon the Highness of the water, with a view of obtaining the removal of the obstructions to the export of cotton complained of.

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law" (hear). With regard to the other papers referred to, the facts were not as stated. The papers relating to all the claims for damages by the Alabama had been refused, but when the noble Lord stated in the course of discussion that what was said was something in the nature of a list of claims, he thought there might be no objection to get that. It was not true, therefore, that papers refused in the House had been granted in the other. There was only one case in which he now proposed to give the despatches of the Earl of Russell. The charge had been made in the discussion, that the noble Lord had not shown proper diligence in procuring the trial of the murderer of a British subject. "I thought there ought to be no doubt in such a case, and that if the Government had done wrong it should be known, and that if the Government have shown proper activity it should also be made clear. The course taken in the House of Commons is therefore not satisfactory to the course which I have taken with regard to these papers."

Lord O'HENNESSY asked when the Attorney General had changed his mind, and why the Earl Russell had not come down when the House indicated that the papers would be produced. Lord Russell—I consider the communication between the Secretary of State and the Attorney General a privileged communication, and I should decline to say when it was made (Oh, Oh). Lord O'HENNESSY—Can the noble Lord explain why the Solicitor General told my hon. and learned friend that he must have known that these papers would be produced?

Lord Russell—I must say that the point raised by the noble Lord is infinitely small (hear, hear). Everybody who heard my noble friend's explanation as to how the despatches were sent to him, felt that it was perfectly straightforward and satisfactory (hear, hear). When we consider all that is going on in foreign affairs, and the immense anxiety and responsibility which now exist, I am really astonished that the noble Lord should pursue my noble friend with questions as to why he should have come down when the Attorney General said he would not think it longer necessary to object to the despatches being sent to him.

The Earl of GARNARON expressed disapproval of the noble Lord's question, and said that for a list of the claims for the Alabama's depredations. As to the Saxons' correspondence, it was quite clear that papers granted in the one house had been refused in the other. The Earl of Russell—I said there was one case in which the noble Lord had asked the Government why they had not shown proper diligence in procuring the trial of the murderer of a British subject, and it was right therefore that when such a doubt was started that the papers should be produced.

The Earl of DERBY—The noble Earl has just made out my case, unless he can inform us what was the precise period at which the Attorney General changed his mind, and why he refused, in fact, admitted that, without any ground, papers refused in the House of Commons have been granted here.

Prussia and Austria.

Mr. D. GRIFFITH asked whether it was true that Prussia and Austria had agreed in a conference, and if so, whether the conference involved an absolute cessation of hostilities. Lord PALMERSTON said that one of the great objects of Her Majesty's Government had been to settle the difference between Austria and Prussia on the one hand, and Denmark on the other, and a conference had been proposed with a view to that end. The conference was held, and a conference was proposed with a view to that end. The conference was held, and a conference was proposed with a view to that end.

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